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MINT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: President's Thoughts

My Dear Members,

It is with sorrow that I have to report to you the loss of two members of our Association. Since my last message to you, they have passed-on to the great coin club in the sky. They were: *Brian Kestner*, of Millbrae, California, and more recently, *Lillian Hooker*, of San Jose, California.

I have fond memories of both these fellow coin collectors, since Brian attended the same high school as myself, in San Mateo, Serra High School, and we would always share high school stories about the same teachers, religious brothers, and classes, although he graduated before me.

I was just a teenager when first met Lillian Hooker. She was very easy to recognize at the Conventions that our Association used to hold at the then-named Jack Tar Hotel, on Van Ness Avenue, in San Francisco, California. She stood-out, because of her fashion for large hats and always great tan. She could be spotted at the Registration Table in the Hotel's lobby or at the entry booth to the bourse floor.

God Rest Their Souls.

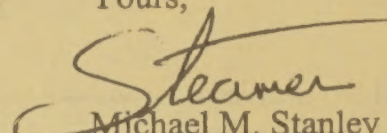
Their service to our Association and to our mutual hobby shall be remembered for years, and I thank Edward Sins, Past President and Historian, for submitting a remembrance, which is published elsewhere in this issue.

Getting back to Association business, election will be held shortly, and all members are asked to vote. Ballots will be mailed out later in late September or early October. Please Vote.

Your Board of Directors is working on resurrecting our Nor-Cal Show. I appointed a committee and directed others to investigate some venues, and it looks as if two options are possible.

Have A Great Fall.

Yours,


Michael M. Stanley
President

MINT MASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends:

Greetings! For someone who has never really traveled much nor delights in flying, my editorial in this issue is going to advocate that NCNAers, and all coin hobbyists, do attend, and do delight, in the wonders and world that is the annual American Numismatic Association (ANA) national Conventions, held in various major metropolitan areas around our great nation.

My attendance has been sporadic over the years, and like many, time and career, plus being a care-giver, preclude me being a regular at ANA Conventions, although some have had not missed a Convention in forty, or more years!

The Association has had its problems and has its distorters; but, my arguments are a coin hobbyist to enjoy its Convention. *Why?* The reasons can be summarized with two descriptive words: *opportunity* and *friendship*.

Opportunity. No matter in what city or the number of activities scheduled or the attendance, an ANA Convention has simply and surely too much to do, to see, to visit, to tour, to listen to, to walk, and so on. Lee Gong, noted northern California and national numismatist and coin hobby advocate, speaks volumes of the number of activities, meetings, talks, bourse, foreign mints, receptions, socials, and so on. He argues that one needs to pre-plan and mark his program and itinerary down into half-hour increments and be ready to move. Gordon Donnell, also respected northern California and national coin hobbyist, once remarked that he literally ran from meeting room to meeting room trying to attend all the national and international groups, that only gathered during the annual ANA Convention. The foreign mints, our own United States Mint with its Mint Director always present, the exhibits, the auction, the huge bourse floor----in New York City, it covered two floors----the various commercial booths, all offering something cheap or even free, and hundreds of collectibles, whether woods, ephemera, pins, or elongates, all these combined to never leave a moment free. If you are bored, then attend the cheap Numismatic Literary Bash, the NLG Bash, the jokes and commentary would have you laughing for days.

Friendship. When asked to explain why myself would fly to New York City, or two years ago, to Philadelphia, the reason was always stated 'Opportunity'. This Is True. Even had a few moments while in 'the Big Apple' did some research at the New York City Public Library, an opportunity. However, when returning, there was something else learned, and why one should 'do the ANA'. It is the new friends one makes or old friends renewed. There is Vince and Agnes Alones, great couple and always willing to talk and share his Long Island Railroad stories. There is Anthony J. Swiatek, already a great friend, who would pause a dozen times for pictures. There is David T. Alexander, among the greatest living American numismatists, who would share something and mingle with his wife of twenty-five years. There is Robert Alain, a young man with a grand future with the Royal Canadian Mint, who displayed such kindness and fellowship, making one at ease and welcomed in both New York City and at the earlier Canadian Numismatic Association (CNA) Convention. My list is limited only by space. A roster would fill this page, *plus*.

The ANA Convention is like a Catholic in Saint Peters Square for a Sunday Papal Blessing or a Moslem doing his lifetime visit to Mecca or any American to 'Ground Zero', which Your Editor did homage while in New York City. It is the gathering----the jamboree----of numismatics. Yet, for me, this July 2002, both in 'the Big Apple' and at the earlier Canadian Numismatic Association Convention, it was the friends made and renewed. *Friends*.

Few things value one's life as a friend. Attend an ANA and leave with memories, tons of free stuff, an empty wallet, plus maybe overweight luggage, but also a heart warmed and renewed with new and renewed friends.

Numismatically Yours,

Michael S. Turrini
Editor

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GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

2003 Nor-Cal Show

As this issue is being prepared and printed, two possible sites, one in the north San Francisco Bay Area and one in the south San Francisco Bay Area, have been suggested and are being investigated. Each has advantages and disadvantages. The south Bay Area site is well-known and established, and the north Bay Area site offers cheaper costs and a possible host group. Hopefully, with the January 2003 NCNA HEADS AND TALES, something definite shall be announced. The planned date does remain July 2003.

2002 Election

Biannually the Association holds its election for the five Executive Officers----*President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer*, with the rest of the governing Board of Directors composed of local coin club Delegates----and nominations have been received, with one candidate, at least, for each office. Ballots will be mailed-out sometime late September or early October, and AL LO, of San Jose, California, has agreed to be the Election Coordinator. Please Vote. These new Executive Officers will be installed by January 2003 for the 2003-2004 two year term.

Coin Club List

One of the most beneficial services of our Association and repeatedly promised to be revised and reissued, regrettably has 'fallen-to-wayside'. The cost, the time and effort, plus the constant need to revise have precluded a new edition. Your Editor doubles as the Coordinator for this service and does apologize that the new issue was not done, as promised in the May 2002 NCNA HEADS AND TALES. Hopefully, something might be attempted for early 2003. Candidly, part of the delay is the inability to ascertain the most current, correct information for northern California coin clubs. If the issue had been done, as promised, information for two or three coin clubs would have been completely incorrect. Comments may be directed to 'PO Box 4014, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410' or e-mailed to EMPERORI@juno.com.

Next Board of Directors

The Board of Directors will gather at and during the Peninsula Coin Club's Annual Coin Show, on **Sunday, November 10, 2002**, in the **Palo Alto Elks Lodge #1471, 4290 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, California**. As all the Executive Officers should be in attendance at this Show, the Board of Directors will meet with a lunch or mid-afternoon session. At this meeting, the ballots from the 2002 Election shall be counted and certified, and discussion as to the Association's hoped-for 2003 Nor-Cal Show. Inquiries may be telephoned to President Mike Stanley at 925-825-0649 or his home e-mail at xsteamerx@aol.com.

Miller Medal

This year only *one* Ron Miller Memorial Award shall be bestowed, and this will be done on December 14, 2002 during the Annual Joint Christmas Party of the Fairfield Coin Club and Vallejo Numismatic Society, at Fairfield, California's Anheuser-Busch Brewery. John and Nancy Wilson, current President of the American Numismatic Association (ANA), will be the Master of Ceremonies for this renowned Party and do the honors. Pending official notification, the honoree's name shall remain confidential. *Note:* It is anticipated also that at this Party, with ANA President John Wilson doing the duty, he might install the new Executive Officers.

IN MEMORIAM, LILLIAN HOOKER, 1922-2002

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT I INFORM THE MEMBERS OF THE DEATH OF PAST PRESIDENT LILLIAN HOOKER.

BORN LILLIAN THAISS IN 1922, SHE SPENT HER EARLY YEARS IN THE THEATER. STARTING AS CHILD VOCALIST, SHE GRADUATED TO BALLET DANCER AND LATER TO SHAKESPEAREAN ACTRESS. WORKING IN A SMALL, TOURING THEATRICAL COMPANY IN THE LATE THIRTIES AND EARLY FORTIES, SHE MARRIED HER HUSBAND OF MORE THAN SIXTY YEARS, DENIS HOOKER IN 1941. EVENTUALLY, DENIS WAS CALLED INTO THE SERVICE DURING WW II. SHORTLY AFTER THE WAR, THEIR ONLY CHILD, NANCY WAS BORN.

AFTER A SHORT CAREER AS A LOAN OFFICER, DENIS OPENED THE ACE LOAN OFFICE ON POST STREET IN SAN JOSE IN 1955. DENIS STILL OPERATES THE BUSINESS TODAY. A COUNTER WITH COINS FOR SALE IN THE PAWN SHOP LED TO THE NUMISMATIC CAREERS OF BOTH HE AND LILLIAN.

LILLIAN BEGAN HER NUMISMATIC CAREER AS RECORDING SECRETARY OF THE SAN JOSE COIN CLUB IN 1960. TOGETHER WITH DOROTHY BEAULIEU, LONG TIME CSNA LIBRARIAN, THEY CO-EDITED THE FIRST SAN JOSE COIN CLUB BULLETIN STARTING IN 1960. LILLIAN WAS, IN ADDTION, A COLLECTOR OF UNITED STATES HALF CENTS, ALTHOUGH SHE RARELY SHOWED THEM.

LILLIAN WAS APPOINTED AS SECRETARY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION (NCNA) AT ITS KICKOFF MEETING IN SAN JOSE ON JUNE 5, 1961, TAKING MINUTES AND MAILING THEM TO EACH PERSON SIGNING UP AS MEMBER, AND REMAINED AS NCNA SECRETARY UNTIL 1969. SHE SERVED AS SECOND VICE PRESIDENT FOR 1969, VICE PRESIDENT FOR 1970, AND PRESIDENT IN 1971 AND 1972. LILLIAN LATER SERVED TWO MORE TERMS AS PRESIDENT IN 1980 AND 1981, AND AS SECRETARY IN THE LATE 1980s, RETIRING FROM THE ORGANIZATION FOLLOWING THE LAST SAN FRANCISCO CONVENTION AT THE CATHEDRAL HILL HOTEL IN 1991.

KNOWN AS THE SMILING FACE AT THE DESK OR THE LADY WITH THE HAT(S), LILLIAN WAS FIXTURE AT ALL OF THE CONVENTIONS HELD AT THE JACK TAR HOTEL (LATER RE-NAMED CATHEDRAL HILL) FROM THE FIRST EVENT IN 1962 UNTIL THE LAST IN 1991. HER CHARM AND PERSONALITY SOLVED MANY A PROBLEM THAT INVARIABLY WOULD CREEP UP AT THE DESK DURING A MAJOR CONVENTION. THE RELATIONSHIP BUILT WITH THE HOTEL CONVENTION MANAGER, CARRIE MUNEMITSU, WAS EQUALLY USEFUL IN SOLVING THE INVARIABLE PROBLEMS THAT INVOLVED THE HOTEL.

LILLIAN HOOKER ALSO SERVED AS REGISTRATION DESK CHAIRMAN AT THE WEST COAST COIN SHOWS FROM 1965 THROUGH 1979.

IN ADDITION TO NUMISMATICS, LILLIAN WAS AN ACTIVE TENNIS PLAYER AND GOLFER, SERVING IN KEY POSITIONS IN VARIOUS LADIES GOLF EVENTS IN THE SAN JOSE AREA. SHE SUFFERED A STROKE THAT LED TO HER PERMANENT DISABILITY WHILE ON THE GOLF COURSE.

LILLIAN IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, PAST PRESIDENT DENIS HOOKER, HER DAUGHTER NANCY ESCALANTE, AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN, TAVA AND MARIO. MARIO, A GRADUATE OF THE US AIR FORCE ACADEMY, IS A CAPTAIN IN THE USAF ASSIGNED TO THE AIR FORCE ONE TEAM THAT SAFEGUARDS THE PRESIDENT.

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BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club News and Happenings

Welcome To Another Saga From The 'Branch Mint Reports!'. My practice and policy has always been to write and to list something about each local coin club, although at times, omission or errors have happened. Candidly, some local coin clubs are much more active, to use a double comparative, and have much more recorded in their newsletters/bulletins. To be equal and balanced, with the twenty, or so, local coin clubs here in northern California, are not always possible. I Try, But.

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

One of Your Editor's home coin club, obviously, always has something to report. *First*, next May 4, 2003, this Society will hold its Thirty-First (31st) Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show, at a new site, the Elks Lodge #559, 2850 Redwood Parkway, off Admiral Callaghan at I-80, in east Vallejo. The new venue offers an enlarged facility, with many conveniences, plus FREE parking! Bourse Applications have been prepared, and dealer tables are now being reserved. Contact MIKE STANLEY at 925-825-0649 or e-mail at xsteamers@aol.com. *Second*, this Society joins its neighbor, the Fairfield Coin Club for their joint Annual Christmas Party, set for Saturday, December 15, 2002, at Fairfield's Anhesuer-Busch Brewery, and will have JOHN and NANCY WILSON, current American Numismatic Association (ANA) President as the Emcee. *Third*, the Society is commencing a short series of club medals honoring the ships that were built on now closed Mare Island Naval Shipyard (1854-1996). The first medal is for the USS Saginaw, the first vessel built on Mare Island, launched in 1859. As a courtesy, and service of our Association, attached is an Order Form for this medal. (Note: Other local coin clubs may also include their club Order Forms in NCNA HEADS AND TALES. Contact Your Editor for specifics.)

STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB

Current President DOUG DANIELS, in its monthly GOLD STRIKE, always has some tale to share, witness the August Issue: "I took KURT HERMAN, from WMD Numismatics, out for Saturday [July 13, 2002] evening dinner and showed him some of the better dance clubs in Modesto. KURT was standing in front of the patio bar when some guy ran-up to us and asked KURT what size shoes that was wearing, size 10. KURT was wearing some Chinese wing-tips that he bought at Payless Shoes for \$15.95. The guy's sneakers did not pass the dress code at Modesto's best dance club, and he paid KURT \$100.00 plus his sneakers for the aforementioned Chinese wing-tips. KURT was elated at this sale, plus the fact that the sneakers were better than his shoes! KURT will be back next year for our July 2003 Coin Show".

FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB

Held its Joint Club Picnic last Fourth of July, July 4, 2002, with its neighbor, the Vallejo Numismatic Society, at the Napa County Airport, Hanger #75: lots of cool shade, no ants, no noise, no crowds, plenty of parking, clean rest rooms, and good jokes. JOE SIROIS provided the site, his private airplane's hanger, and did the cooking. STEWART HUCKABY flew-in from Texas, the Lone Star State, to attend. Another Fine July 4th! Later in July, GERALD DOHERTY shared his currency collection at this Club's July 24, 2002 Paper Money Night. On September 15, 2002, the FCC will hold its Thirteenth (13th) Annual Fairfield Coin Show, at the Fairfield Community Center, 1000 Kentucky, off Pennsylvania, in Fairfield's downtown civic center complex. Ample Free Parking and Free Admission. Two groups will gather during this Show: 10:30 PM, the Western Wooden Money Club (WWMC) and later 1:30 PM, the Solano Silver Round Club (SSRC). Both these meetings will be held on the Center's main Assembly Room's stage. The big attraction at this Show will be the presence of the San Francisco Mint, S-Mint, which will have a display and retail sales. Information on this 2002 Fairfield Show may be telephoned to 707-427-0482 or e-mailed to EMPERORI@juno.com. As mentioned above, this Club and the Vallejo Numismatic Society are preparing for their famous Joint Christmas Party. The Party is open to other coin hobbyists and fellow members of local coin clubs. Inquiries may be telephoned to 510-787-2840.

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB

Heard its distinguished member, BILL WEBER, speak on his famous Half Cent Collection at the Club's July 10, 2002 meeting; but, his real lesson, in addition to exemplary talk, was his comment: "BILL also mentioned to me a lesson that he learned. Long ago, the San Jose Coin Club was provided a small exhibit booth at the local county fair. Members displayed interesting portions of their collections and acted as docents. While serving as a docent, he would hear comments and answer questions about the displays. His most profound impression was that the more expensive coins, even gold, did not generate as much public interest as did type sets, or medals of local celebrations, as the Panama-Pacific International Exposition (PPIE) and Golden Gate International Exposition (GGIE). Tokens issued by local merchants, street car tokens, and parking meter tokens were also popular. A complete Lincoln Cent collection was just seen as a lot of Cents though, and dates and mint mark did not count for diddly!". Nice Observation!

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Its longtime Editor, RANDY CLIFTON, of its monthly newsletter, the FRESNO NUMISMATIST, always has a way to appeal to members to attend its monthly meetings: "Did someone say something about having some fun? Some real educational, informative, recreational, historical, and entertaining, downright .999 fine pure fun? Then you all ought to come on-down to the next monthly meeting of the Fresno Numismatic Society. Yes, my numismatic party hounds, it is time one again for another monthly meeting of the FNS." Now, is not that a nice way to announce a meeting! But, RANDY does not just end with this introduction, to wit, he continues, "Also a chance to mingle with minds of vast numismatic knowledge, to seek out information and opinions, as well as a chance to do some trading and dealing with other collectors". This appealed to FNS members to join the fun at the Society's August 13, 2002 meeting, which had the 'Good, Bad, and Ugly Night', "where members bring what they may feel is one of their best coins and one of their worst coins, which we all have".

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB

Had an active July 2002: *first*, on July 10th, it was the Club's Harry Porter Night: "He had just given Harry a birthday white owl, which Harry named Hedwig, but this evening, he presented our Junior Vice-President RYAN JOHNSON with a cake for his 12th birthday...Our thanks to the wizards and contributors to this Youth Night Program: DON CRACRAFT, BILL MEADOWS, SALLY JOHNSON, RUBEN SALAZAR, and CHRIS CRACRAFT, who made and contributed two Harry Porter pillows, which were included in the Youth Drawing". *Second*, July 27th, it was the Club's annual joint Picnic with its neighbor, the Cupertino Coin Club, which this year paid all the expenses for the Picnic: "Members and guests enjoyed beautiful weather, fun, and games, plus thanks to JIM MENSCH, and his crew, a barbecue that drew rave reviews, from everyone there. Following the lunch, the kids joined together for a pinata bashing, spilling tins candy and coins, causing a mad scramble. Most of the attendees, adults and kids alike, participated in a rousing water balloon toss game, which, of course, turned into a giant water fight. AL LO conducted a drawing for ten donated prizes". Picnic Drawing donors were: SA FALCONE, RITCHIE CLAY, DALE HARRINGTON, BILL BURKE, BRUCE BRAGA, DON LYNCH, BILL PEAVEY, DALE HARRINGTON, BILL BURKE, and FRED IANNAMICO. The joint Picnic Committee consisted of AL LO, GARY ACQUISTAPACE, JIM MENSCH, SALLY JOHNSON, RAY JOHNSON, RUBEN SALAZAR, and RAY NIBLETT.

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Always Active. Last June 29, 2002 was the august Society's Annual Banquet, held at San Francisco's Gold Mirror Restaurant. Among the attendees were these Krause Publication Numismatic Ambassadors: RUTH M. PHILLIPS, LEE H. GONG, EDGAR D. FULWIDER, MICHAEL M. STANLEY. O.L. WALLIS, DR. PAUL HOLTZMANN, and MICHAEL S. TURRINI, all in the same room at the same time! This year's Annual Banquet charged \$30.00 included just the meal. Back in June 1948, the charge was \$3.50, per plate, at the then El Jardin Restaurant, which included 'the tax, tip, wine, and ladies corsages'. Inflation, Folks.

LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

A Couple Of Important Announcements From LNS: *First*, its longtime meeting location---the Millbrae Public Library---has been temporarily changed. The LNS will be gathering, further-up the streets, at the Millbrae Community Center. Exact address and room location are not reported, yet. The Library is being ready for a remodeling. *Second*, due to this immediate change---effective with the Society's September 2002 meeting-----it famous, annual, and well-known October Book Sale, for 2002, has been cancelled. Hopefully, as NCNA HEADS AND TALES is being prepared and printed, the LNS will make appropriate announcements in the numismatic press confirming these two just-reported announcements. The August 6, 2002 meeting heard ROBERT SATHER, from Vallejo, California, speak on the 1925 Norse-American Centennial and its collectibles, with the meeting's theme, obviously, being Scandinavian Coinage! Earlier, MARK W. CLARK spoke on 'How to Collect Latin American Coins' at the Society's July 2, 2002 meeting: "He provided examples and a very informative narrative on the subject. It was obvious after listening to MARK that he is an expert on Latin American coinage". Going back to the June 4, 2002 meeting, noted Bay Area numismatist, KEN BARR, talked on his passion, Hickey Brother Tokens: "KEN mentioned that he has accumulated three hundred sixty (360) of these tokens, many of which he displayed at our meeting along with postcards, matchbooks, and other memorabilia related to the Hickey Brothers store chain".

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB

An appeal was published in its August 2002 SVCC NEWS-LETTER, Editor DR. RODNEY W. BAKER: "Does anyone know where either of the SVCC slide projectors are located? We have searched high and low and all to no avail. At least one projector is a Kodak. If you have it or know of its whereabouts, please contact JIM HAGGARTY at 916-961-6001 or e-mail him at jimboyh@pacbell.net". Slide projectors and expensive, and hopefully, the SVCC should soon has its two returned. Also, JIM HAGGERTY was planned to do a slide program in August for the SVCC, if the projectors were found! Show Announcements for the SVCC: The Club will **not** have any Show in 2002, and has scheduled only one Show in 2003, for April 4, 5, and 6 2003. Also, this Club may be relocating its meetings to another site, effective with 2003. The Club does have a Web Site at www.sacvalcc.org, and its Editor may be reached at drorbaker@juno.com. *Side-bar*: DR. BAKER and Your Editor shared some few hours last Monday, August 19, 2002 staffing the Governor's State Quarter booth during the California State Fair, in Sacramento, distributing information on California's planned State Quarter, release January 2005, and soliciting design entries from the visiting public. A long with the various 'politic' comments, several thoughts were shared with California's State Quarter. This seemed, to us, to confirm that the popular State Quarters have sparked an interest in our hobby, which is positive.

GATEWAY COIN CLUB

Heard Your Editor address its July 18, 2002 meeting on 'What Is A Collection?'. Each July, it has been my tradition to travel and to speak at this Merced, California coin club, starting in 1997. This year was no different, save something and some people that should be recognized and respected: ANN and CHRIS YONAN. This mother and son team graciously and generously hosted my overnight stay at their home, and it was a pure joy to be among 'collector's collector'. Never, or rarely, has a fellow coin hobbyist been so kind, friendly, and open, sharing their passion for collecting and enjoying so many things. We must have spend hours, well into the late evening, actually, early morning, talking, viewing, and delighting in coins, old cameras, transistor radios, books, and more books, gardening, teaching, and so on. It is people like ANN and CHRIS YONAN, who make our hobby, a delight, and who practice, what we all should do: kindness, openness, and generosity. Your Editor also must credit the candor, happiness, and respect shared with and by JOEL and LILA ANDERSON, whom we enjoyed some time after the meeting. It should be reported that their daughter, GRACE, a regular attendee at local coin shows, has just earned her Junior Private Pilot's license and has begun 'racking-up' flight hours. Absolutely, An Outstanding Time and Trip! (*Note*: The GCC has also not been mailing its monthly COINNECTIONS, for missing the July and August 2002 issues).

VISALIA COIN CLUB

Is rightly proud of this Vice-President, CAMERON KEIFER, who was the American Numismatic Association's Young Numismatist of the Year! His award was bestowed during the ANA's recent New York City convention. CAMERON, in addition, to being the VCC's Vice-President, also edits the Franklin Collectors Club monthly newsletter, and was last Summer 2001 an ANA Summer Intern, where he worked in the Education Department and Museum plus Library. Congratulations!

SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB

Will commemorate next year, 2003, its Twentieth (20th) Anniversary, 1983-2003. An appeal to former members is made: please contact the Club at 'PO Box 3518, Fairfield, California, 94533-0351'. The Club anticipates doing an anniversary medal. The Club has just completed the second, and final issue, in its short Theodore Roosevelt series, with a final mintage of fifty-nine (59) silver round, with no-off medals. Note: To subscribers for this particular issue, there was a delay in closing the ordering period, originally set for July 1, 2002; but, it has now been closed and the order with the minter placed. Anticipated delivery by October 1, 2002. Inquiries as to the Club's silver rounds, may be mailed to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410', although the Club has no left extras.

LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB

Your Editor visited this Club a few times in the passed few Summer months. He spoke on 'What Is A Collection?' at the May 21, 2002 meeting: "I [STEVEN KRAMER] found this quite interesting talk on what may, or may not, be viewed as a collection". The Club held its Annual Picnic and Barbecue, at STEVEN KRAMER's home, on June 22, 2002: "Bar-B-Q last month had a wonderful turnout. The weather was extremely nice this year and the food was plentiful, and then some!". STEVEN and SHARON did an outstanding job in hosting the LVCC's annual social, including cleaning all the house windows! (Folks, that's an inside joke; right, STEVEN?)

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Speaking of Picnics, the DNS held its last July 21, 2002 at SCOTT and RUTHANN JACKSON's fine home in Concord, California. Nice crowd enjoyed the cold weather and Knuckhead-the-Clown. At the prior month's June 20, 2002 meeting, this Society held its Annual Donation Drawing (raffle) which earned a record \$430.00 for the Society's Treasury, from sixty (60) donated items valued at \$1029.00, another record. Looking ahead the DNS has its Sixth (6th) Annual Contra Costa Coin Show set for Sunday, November 17, 2002, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at the Concord Veterans Memorial Building, 2290 Willow Pass Road, at Colfax, in downtown Concord. The Bourse is already 'sold-out'. This nice little local coin show offers a chance for Christmas and Holiday Season shopping. Admission is Free. Inquiries may be telephoned to 925-825-0649 or e-mailed to xsteamers@aol.com.

FREMONT COIN SHOW

Held its Annual Coin Show last Sunday, August 18, 2002 at the Fremont's Elks Lodge. This well-known and established one-day coin show attracted a steady crowd all-day and is a recognized show on the circuit. Your Editor, doing his duty as the California State Numismatic Association's (CSNA) Youth Numismatist Director did a simple Youth Table, distributing free hobby literature and State Quarters donated by ALEX DOUGLASS and DON and BRIITA EHLERS. Through out the Sunday, it was a joy to have families visit the Table, and all ages from 4 to over 18 stopped-by. Over forty (40) youngsters were recorded. Thanks To The FCC! At the July 9, 2002 meeting, ROGER LYLES had a Coin Grading Quiz: "Ten professionally graded coins were submitted to willing amateur graders to see how close an amateur could come to a formal grading service opinion. One point was given if the grade was correctly assessed, and One point was given for correctly assessing the actual numerical grade (MS number) assigned. One person correctly assessed all grades, RON IKEBI. KEN BARR had the highest overall score when assessing the numerical score plus the actual grade. JIM BARTON scored the next most points". At the July 23, 2002 meeting during Show 'n Tells, CHUCK CALL reported that a friend of his had dropped a 1912S Five Dollars Half Eagle down the sink and into the garbage disposal: "Too bad, now bent and roughed-up a little". Oh well, at least, it did not go down into the drain line!

PENINSULA COIN CLUB Speaking of our local coin club shows and Youth Tables, Your Editor will be doing another California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) Youth Table at this Club's November 10, 2002 Coin Show, the Sunday of Veterans Day three-day weekend. Lots of free hobby information and coin gifts for the youngsters visiting the Table. This Show will be held at the Elks Lodge, 42409 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, California. Plenty of free parking and free admission, too! Assisting will be fourteen year old MARTIN STRAUS, who is the Club's Vice-President, not a Youth Vice-President, but its full-fledged VP! MARTIN's still has to have his parents drive him to the PCC's meetings. But. XAN CHAMBERLAIN, longtime PCC member and Past President, used to drive his bicycle to the PCC meetings some thirty years ago! Was It That Many Years Ago, XAN?

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB Continues to gather on the Fourth Wednesday each month at 7:00 PM, when doors open, in the main room of the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2800 Taraval, at 38th Avenue, in the Sunset section of San Francisco. Contacts for this Club may be to: 'PO Box 880994, San Francisco, California, 94188-0994'. Recently, this Club numerically held its Five Hundredth (500th) Meeting on July 23, 2002, another milestone in northern California organized numismatics.

DELTA COIN CLUB Also, too, had its Annual Picnic, on Sunday, July 28, 2002 at Micke's Grove Park, in Lodi, California. This annual gathering attracted a nice crowd, on an unusual cooler day: "yes, as usual there was lots and lots of food. Food--fun--relaxation. The weather cooperated with our Picnic for a change, too: a nice breeze under the covered area of our Picnic. A good attendance. The Egg-Toss got the participants what seemed like a mile apart before it was finally won by the usual DON KENDRICK Team. Congratulations to those with 'egg-in-their face', what a mess! And then, the Pennies-In-The-Jar. Would you believe that ILENN LINDSKOG missed the count by nine (9) cents? Actual count was six hundred sixty-six (666) and her guess was six hundred seventy-five (675). How About That? Of course, games of Bingo were called by MICHAEL S. TURRINI. Oh yes, Thanks to the Chefs: BILL HORNING, SYD KASS, and LORIS ENZMINGER". Going way back to this Club's April 26, 2002, MICHAEL S. TURRINI introduced his new program, 'Counting Us', which found among the twenty-four (24) member present some five hundred twenty-four (524) total years of hobby involvement and one hundred eighty-four (184) total years of Delta Coin Club membership. (Note: This new program has been done twice, to date, at the Delta Coin Club and at the Peninsula Coin Club, on August 12, 2002, and is available before other local coin clubs. In both incidents, it has been highly received and educating. Also: Another new program was introduced by Your Editor at a DCC meeting: last June 28, 2002, 'Tools of the Trade': "from his box of equipment, he showed and told of each 'tool' needed for the fun and knowledge of coin collecting". This, too, is available before local coin clubs, with adequate notice. Contact Your Editor at our Association's post office box or his home e-mail, EMPERORI@juno.com.)

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB Its new Editor, STACEY OOMS, for its monthly COIN PRESS is doing a fine job! She may be contacted at e-mail Iceshark39@cs.com, and she is assisted by ALAN GUINN. In the June 2002 COIN PRESS, she interviewed CCC Junior Member SPENCER MORGAN, who offered this sage advise: "Look for quality not quantity. Do your research so you do not get taken to the cleaners. Buy what you like instead of what may be popular at the time: fads die. Enjoy it, numismatics, as a hobby". Thanks, SPENCER. The CCC announces that its Coin Show will be next Sunday, February 9, 2003 at San Jose's Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. There is a nominal admission charge of \$1.00, with youngsters, 17 and under, free. Information may be contacted at 'PO Box 448, Cupertino, California, 95015-0448' and telephone inquiries may be 800-255-3774. (Note: CCC, just checking my files, Your Editor is missing the July and August 2002 COIN PRESS issues. Any Help? The CCC meets at West Valley Presbyterian Church on the Second Fridays; but, the meeting room is named Fireside; but is described as the 'Sardine Room'?

COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

These coin show listings are provided as a free service to the numismatic community by the Northern California Numismatic Association. Show listings are updated quarterly and are available without cost to member Coin Clubs. If you would like to have a show listed, please send all pertinent show information to: N.C.N.A., Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306-0484.

- Sept. 15, 2002 FAIRFIELD. Fairfield Coin Club 13th Annual Coin Show. Fairfield Community Center, 1000 Kentucky at Pennsylvania, Fairfield. Bourse/ Info: Jan Henke @ 707-427-0482 or Bill Bartz @ 707-435-8751.
- Sept. 22, 2002 ALAMEDA. Alameda Coin Club Coin Show, Alameda Elk's Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda. Bourse: Don Barsi, P.O. Box 7989, Fremont, Ca. 94537.
- Oct. 5, 2002 SAN FRANCISCO. CSNS Educational Symposium, hosted by the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, Fort Mason Center, San Francisco.
- Oct. 19-20, 2002 STOCKTON. Delta Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Eagle's Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton. Bourse: Ruben Smith III, P.O. Box 5787, Stockton, Ca. 95205 Phone: (209) 982-5961, e mail: rubeniii@go.com
- Nov. 10, 2002 PALO ALTO. Peninsula Coin Club Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Elk's Lodge #1471, 4290 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306.
- Nov. 17, 2002 CONCORD. Diablo Numismatic Society Annual Contra Costa Coin Show, Concord Veterans Memorial Building, 2290 Willow Pass Road, Concord. Bourse: Mike Stanley Phone: (925) 825-0649 or e mail: xsteamerrx@aol.com
- Jan. 17-19, 2003 SAN JOSE. San Jose Coin Club Annual Show, Parkside Hall, between Park Ave. and San Carlos St. near Market Street, San Jose. Information: (408) 973-1606 or see web page at www.sanjosecoinclub.org. Admission \$3.
- Feb. 9, 2003 SAN JOSE. "Cupertino" Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Admission Adults \$2. 17 and under free. Bourse: Bruce Braga (800) 255-3774 ext. 2845. Cupertino Coin Club, P.O. Box 448, Cupertino, Ca. 95015-0448

- Mar. 9, 2003 LIVERMORE. Livermore Valley Coin Club 38th Annual Coin Show, Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore. Bourse: Howard Kosanke, P.O. Box 610, Livermore, Ca. 94551. Phone (925) 449-1973.
- Mar.15-16, 2003 DUBLIN. "2002" Token Jamboree, Western States Token Society, Best Western Monarch Hotel, 6680 Regional Street, Dublin, Ca. Bourse/Information: Duane Feisel, P.O. Box 212, Shingletown, Ca. 96088 Phone: (503) 474-4168
- May 4, 2003 VALLEJO. Vallejo Numismatic Society 31st Annual Show, Vallejo Elk's Lodge #559, 2850 Redwood Parkway, off Admiral Callaghan at the East side of Interstate-80, Vallejo. Info: 510-547-0518 or 925-825-0649; E Mail: xsteamers@aol.com or EMPORER1@juno.com.
- June 15, 2003 MERCED. Gateway Coin Club 30th Annual Coin Expo, Merced Senior Community Center, 15th and "O" Street, Merced. Bourse: Joel Anderson, P.O. Box 3101, Merced, Ca. 95344. Phone: (209) 722-5426; e mail address: gcc@joelscoins.com Admission \$1



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NEWS RELEASE
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The Vallejo Numismatic Society is pleased to announce that it is now accepting prepaid orders for its latest medal release.

The medal features the U.S.S. Saginaw, the first ship to be built at the Mare Island Ship Yard. The design is based on the scale model of the ship kept at the Naval Historical Museum in Vallejo. The medal was designed by Member Jan Henke.



The medals will be offered in two versions: .999 fine silver with oxidized antique finish, and in oxidized bronze. The silver medals will be made in serial numbered and unnumbered pieces. Silver medals will be priced at \$20 each, with a \$2.00 postage/insurance fee per order, regardless of the number of medals ordered. The oxidized bronze medals will be priced at \$3.00 each if ordering a silver medal, and \$6.00 each postage paid if not ordering the silver version.

The Club will also be striking a limited number of oxidized copper and aluminum medals. These medals are used for Club incentive awards and are not offered for sale.

Orders will be accepted until October 1st. All orders received after that date will be regrettably returned unfilled. Medals will be ordered after the October 1st cut-off date. Mintages will be limited only for those prepaid orders received plus two each for the Club archives. No extra medals will be ordered for future sales. Expected delivery date should be mid-November.

Send orders with payment payable to 'Vallejo Numismatic Society' to Jan D. Henke, Medals Chairman, 1806 San Jose Pl., Fairfield, CA 94533-3929

Vallejo Numismatic Society- U.S.S. Saginaw

NAME: _____ Silver Medals @\$20.00.....\$ _____
ADDRESS: _____ Bronze @\$3.00.....\$ _____
CITY: _____ (If ordering a silver medal)
STATE: _____ FULL ZIP: _____ + _____ Bronze @6.00 Postage Paid.....\$ _____
\$2.00 Post/Insurance Silver Orders..\$2.00 (Non-silver medal orders)
(Only)

(Please print all information clearly.)

Total: \$ _____



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Doors open at 7:00 PM - Meeting at 7:30 PM

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Mailing Address: PO Box 300 Millbrae, CA 94030-0300

CONTACT: Mr. Gene Hoy, Secretary
Liberty Numismatic Society
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**LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OFFERS 2002 MEDAL
COMMEMORATING THE PAN PACIFIC OVERFAIR RAILWAY**

Millbrae, CA, July 2, 2002- Liberty Numismatic Society announced today that it is beginning sales of its 2002 medal to the general public. This medal is available in both silver and oxidized (antiqued) bronze. The reverse of this medal features the profile of the Overfair Locomotives used to pull the trains at the Pan Pacific International Exposition in 1915 in San Francisco, CA. These trains, used to move fairgoers, operated on a 2 1/2 mile line and utilized a 19 inch gauge track. A total of four locomotives were built by Luis MacDermot to 1/3 scale. The outer circle on the coin face identifies the 1915 Pan Pacific International Exposition and commemorates the 45 years that Liberty Numismatic Society has been a coin club. Above the locomotive are the initials PPIE which represent the Pan Pacific International Exposition. The obverse features the Society's Liberty Bell logo.

The .999 fine silver version of the medal has a mintage of 45 and are individually numbered on the outer rim. These are for sale at \$23.25 post paid. The oxidized bronze medals have a mintage of 60, are not numbered and are available at \$6.25 each post paid. All medals are 39 mm in diameter and have a plain edge except for the silver version which have numbers. This is the 16th issue in the annual Liberty Numismatic Society medal series which began in 1987. For the eighth consecutive year, the Society's medals have been produced by Golden State Mint of San Bernardino, Calif. Medals may be ordered by sending check or money order to LNS, PO Box 300, Millbrae, CA 94030.

Liberty Numismatic Society is a local, general interest coin club founded in 1957 and incorporated in 1991. The club holds meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Community Room of the Millbrae (San Mateo County, CA) Public Library. Membership dues are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for junior members. Officers for 2002 are: President David Evans, Vice President Gordon Donnell, Secretary Gene Hoy, Treasurer Bob Piper and Directors Stu Denton, Alan Edmonson, Chris Thompson, Jim Rosen

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